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Urban District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1943.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 3,909.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,198.

The Rateable Value is £15,293, which produces a Penny Rate, £62 : 16 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		57	28	29	14.5
Live Births	Legitimate	52	26	26	
	Illegitimate	5	2	3	
Still Births	Legitimate	2	0	2	33.8 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		62	24	38	15.8 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	7	122.8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	7	134.6
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	none	none

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.
No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7
,, Measles (all ages)	1
,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	none
,, Diarrhœa (under two years of age)	none

Causes of Death were :—

Congenital Malformation	5	Cerebral Haemorrhage	7
Measles	1	Heart Disease	19
Bronchitis	7	Diabetes	1
Other Respiratory Disease	2	All other causes	3
Cancer	7	Polio-Myelitis	1
Influenza	1	Premature Birth	1
Pneumonia	2	Maternal Causes	1
Other Digestive Disease	1	Ulcer of Stomach	1
		Road Traffic Accident	1
		Other Violent Causes	1

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are:—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer. The M.O.H. is in charge of the Child Welfare Clinic and is assisted by the District Nurse.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1943.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit my Report on the Sanitary Iuspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	111
,, ,, ,, Housing Acts	82
,, ,, ,, Emergency Slaughters	1
,, ,, to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops	73
,, ,, ,, Works in Progress	153
,, ,, ,, under Emergency War Duties ...	49
,, ,, ,, Shops Hours Act	27
,, Conversions to Water Carriage System	9
Drainage Systems Improved or Renewed	20
Drains Inspected and Tested	34
,, ,, Found Satisfactory	23
,, ,, ,, Defective	11

Shops and Offices.

One statutory notice with regard to ventilation of W.C. apartment was complied with.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in this district.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The public swimming bath owned by the Council is no longer in use. There are no other swimming baths or pools.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of Bug infestation have been discovered. Occasional flea infestations have been dealt with by spraying and fumigation.

Meat and other Foods.

Two carcases have been returned to the central slaughter house as unfit for human consumption together with smaller amounts of meat and offals.

There has been a fair amount of tinned foods condemned but some of this was from Ministry of Food depots and a good proportion of the other was due to damaged tins caused by rough handling in transit. The bulk of the remainder of condemned foodstuffs was bacon, ham and cheeses.

General.

Salvage and other emergency war duties still take up a good deal of the departments time, but the fact that so much combustible material is collected as salvage and no longer finds its way to the refuse tip is reflected in the condition of the tip and the heavier and more concentrated nature of the refuse.

The Newbridge water supply failed during the year but by an arrangement with the military who reciprocated for services rendered, towns water was led by military water trucks for a time to the cottages, and afterwards the council continued this service until the water regained its level.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.
Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1943.

Only one case of Scarlet Fever and 14 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

Cancer.

7 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 2 being males and 5 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1943 :— No new cases occurred and there were no deaths throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

THOS. J. MUIR,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District.